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Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement mailed January 10, 2006, wherein the claims were grouped to the following categories:

- I. An apparatus and method comprising estimating an ink thickness control parameter based on current and past measurement of a state of the digital printing press. (figs. 1, 4, and 5).
- II. A method comprising generating an estimation model of developer voltage from past measurements of developer voltage and certain state parameters of the digital printing press. (fig. 2).
- III. An article for a processor comprising memory encoded with data for causing the processor to generate and apply an estimation model of developer voltage from past measurements of developer voltage and certain state parameters of a digital printing press. (figs 3 and 6).

In response to the restriction requirement Applicant elects Group I (figs 1, 4, and 5).

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